GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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CONTROL OVER PRIVATE PETROLEUM COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any control over the private petroleum companies operating in the country;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the fact that these companies neither give dealership nor do they return the security money to the persons concerned; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by the Government to get the security amount refunded from such companies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c): Private companies are free to import and sell LPG/SKO through their own distribution network under parallel marketing scheme (PMS) introduced by Government since 1993. The parallel marketeers are required to obtain ratingcertificate from approved agencies of the Government before launching their activities in terms of the provisions of LPG (Regulation of supply and distribution)Order, 2000 and Kerosene (Restriction on use and fixation of ceiling price) Order, 1993 and its subsequent amendments in 1995 and 1998.